

RAIDER OFF SOUTH AMERICA SINKS TWELVE ALLIED SHIPS

NEW TERROR IS PLYING ON
THIS SIDE OF ATLANTIC
LONDON DECLARES

ELUDES ALL PURSUIT

BRITISH ADMIRALTY CONFIRMS
REPORT OF "FLYING DUTCH-
MAN" THAT IS WRECKING SHIP-
PING.

London, Jan. 17.—Twelve Allied
vessels have fallen prey to a new Ger-
man raider.

Official announcement was made by
the admiralty today that eight British
and two French ships have been sunk
and that two other British boats were
captured.

Prize crews were placed on the two
captured ships and it is likely that
they too have been converted into
"merchant cruisers" and are now
preying upon commerce somewhere on
the high seas.

The admiralty in announcing the
loss of the twelve ships said that noth-
ing was known of the whereabouts
or fate of the captured ships.

The raider, fully as daring as the
Mowee, or the Emden, has managed
to elude cleanly all the patrols of the
British and French frigates that have
sunk merchant ships, but the "Fly-
ing Dutchman" has always been able
to elude pursuit.

It is believed that many of the mer-
chant ships that fell victims of this
German hawk of the seas were sunk
in the south Atlantic, perhaps off the
coast of South America.

The fate of the seamen on the sunk-
en ships is in doubt, but it probably
is that some of them have been land-
ed by this time.

Whether or not the raider escaped
from Germany or whether she is a
privateer fitted out in some South
Central or Mexican port is not known.
Nor is it certain whether or not the
ships have a base on the American
coast. It is possible for the vessel to
avoid landing by securing supplies
from her victims. One of the ships
which is believed to have fallen a vic-
tim of the German raider is the Vol-
taire. This vessel is now about two
months overdue at New York. How-
ever, if she was taken the capture
must have been effected in the north
Atlantic—in the regular steamer lane
between the British Isles and New
York and had no call to deviate from
her course towards South American
waters.

From what has been learned at the
admiralty it is believed that the raider
was a former merchant ship as a sub-
marine would not be able to carry
enough men to provide prize crews
for captured ships.

They are between 20 and 30 mer-
chant ships that are overdue and miss-
ing and it is supposed that many of
these fell victims to the German raid-
er.

News of the loss of the ships has
increased the activity of the British
and French patrols.

The British ships known to have
been sunk by the raider are the Bram-
atist, Radnorshire, Minieh, Netterby
Hall, Mount Temple, King George and
Georgio. The French ships Nantes
and Asnières also were sunk.

Information received by the admir-
alty makes it practically certain that
the Voltaire fell a victim to the raider
but whether or not she was sunk is
uncertain.

TWO UNFORTUNATE WOMEN ARE TAKEN TO KANKAKEE

Mrs. Emma Ott, Ottawa woman
found to be of unsound mind by Judge
Mayo and a commission of jurors who
tested her sanity at a hearing held
in the woman's compartment of the
county jail, this morning was taken
to the state hospital at Kankakee to
undergo treatment. Accompanying
Mrs. Ott was Miss Lena Renz, a 22
year old Streator young woman whose
mental condition was found in need
of expert attention. Warden Law-
rence Morrissey accompanied both pa-
tients to the hospital.

FORMER RESIDENT BURIED IN OTTAWA

The body of Mrs. Edward Butler,
aged 60 years, who died at her home,
4047 Wabash avenue, Chicago, arrived
in Ottawa this morning at 11:15
over the C. R. I. & P. The deceased
was a former Ottawa resident. Burial
was made in St. Columba cemetery.

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MILITARY EXPERT TO VISIT O. H. S. CADETS

CAPT. STEAVER IN CHARGE OF
MILITARY TRAINING IN HIGH
SCHOOLS TO SPEAK IN OTTAWA
NEXT MONDAY.

Captain Louis Steaver, of Chicago,
who has charge of military training in
the high schools of the middle west,
will be in Ottawa Monday evening.
He will lecture to the general public
at the new O. H. S. auditorium.

Captain Steaver is regarded as an
authority on military training for
youths and should have a most inter-
esting lecture for his audience.
Since the visit of Lieut. Ott to Otta-
wa, keen interest in soldiering has
been manifested among the students.
The company has a membership of
125, 100 of them having uniforms.

Ottawa high school is now looked
upon as the leading school in this
part of the state in military training.
Principals of other schools have visit-
ed the local institution to learn the
idea in the here.

Captain Steaver in his talk Mon-
day evening will lay much stress up-
on the usefulness of military educa-
tion and its purpose in the high school
course. The members of the military
corps will probably give an exhibition
drill.

The high school orchestra will play
several numbers. A large audience
is expected at this meeting.

DUFFIELD-CROMPTON WEDDING OCCURS

The wedding of Warren J. Duffield
and Miss Gladys E. Crompton took
place this forenoon at 9 o'clock at the
First M. E. parsonage, with the Rev.
C. A. Briggs officiating.

The bride wore a becoming travel-
ing suit of blue cloth, and a white hat.
She is a daughter of Mrs. Adam
Crompton, who resides a mile north-
east of Ottawa, and has resided in Ot-
tawa and vicinity nearly all her life.
She was a student at the Ottawa pub-
lic and high schools and the Ottawa
Business College, and is well known
and popular among her many friends
and acquaintances in Ottawa and
south of the river, where she formerly
resided.

The groom is the son of Mr. and
Mrs. Albert L. Duffield, of Fall River
township, and is a well known, indus-
trious and prosperous young farmer.
He has been engaged in farming on his
own account for several years.

Following the wedding ceremony
the newly weds left for Geneseo,
where they will visit for a few days
with Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Hartzmar,
the latter being a sister of the bride.
Upon their return home Mr. and Mrs.
Duffield will take up their residence in
Fall River township.

MENDOTA ESTATE HAS CLAIM AGAINST J. D. TOWER CO.

A petition for letters of administra-
tion setting forth a claim for \$3,500
under the workmen's compensation
act, against the John D. Tower farm
implement company, of Mendota, was
filed in the estate of Joseph Peplot in
the probate court today. Mr. Peplot,
who is survived by a widow and three
children, died from injuries received
in the plant of the Tower concern.
His personal estate consisted of
money amounting to \$300, all of
which was in the bank.

REED FUNERAL WILL BE HELD THURSDAY MORNING

The funeral of George Reed, who
died Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock
at the home of his parents on 628
Third street, will be held Thursday
morning at 9 o'clock at St. Columba
church. Interment will be in St. Co-
lumba cemetery.

George Reed was born in Ottawa in
April, 1883. He was educated and
grew to young manhood in this city.
The deceased had been ailing for
three months.

Surviving he leaves his parents and
three sisters—Mrs. Addie O'Connell
of Mendon, Ill.; Mrs. Emma Stein-
berg, and Mrs. David Heighon, both
of Chicago—and two brothers—Mar-
tin at home, and Frank of Chicago.

Optimist.
The Canary—"Well, I certainly pre-
fer a big muzzie like mine to a little
one like Fido's."—Life.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES INVESTIGATES "LEAK" OF PEACE NOTE TO WALL STREET



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES, INVESTIGATING "LEAK"

The preliminary investigation of the
"leak" in connection with the Wilson
peace note which is being conducted by
the rules committee of the house was ex-
pected to bring forth sensational revela-
tions. Democratic members of the com-
mittee were convinced that the testimony
of the witnesses summoned to appear
would determine whether there was a
mysterious leak or whether the recent
stock market break which preceded the
White House announcement of the presi-
dent's peace move was merely due to pres-
sures anticipating official announcement.
If the latter explanation appears to cov-
er the case it is probable that some of the

majority members of the committee will
take the attitude that there has been no
mystery and that a further investigation
will not be necessary to demonstrate that
no blame attaches to officials who knew
or might have known of the president's
action before it was made public.
Among the witnesses are Thomas W.
Lawson of Boston and Charles H. Sabin,
Otto M. Kahn and Bernard M. Baruch of
New York.

"I have come to Washington," Mr. Kahn
said, "to repeat what I said in my tele-
gram to Chairman Henry and to answer
any questions which the committee cares
to ask me. If any one was guilty of mak-
ing money through a leak—and I trust

there is nobody—I hope that he will be
punished. The committee should make a
thorough investigation."

Secretary of State Lansing and Joseph
P. Tumulty, secretary to the president,
both mentioned in connection with the
leak, occupied conspicuous places at the
hearing.

Members of the rules committee investi-
gating the leak are shown in the photo-
graph. They are Representatives Chip-
field of Illinois, Garrett of Tennessee, Fos-
ter of Illinois, Carroll of Kentucky, Har-
rison of Mississippi, Campbell of Kansas,
Leahman of Wisconsin and Henry of Tex-
as, chairman. Mr. Henry is the fifth man
from the left.

SENT AUTO FACTORY BEGIN OPERATIONS

SUPERINTENDENT J. A. GRAY AR-
RIVES IN CITY—MR. GENT EX-
PECTED IN OTTAWA THURS-
DAY.

Active operations were begun today
in the Gent motor factory at the cor-
ner of Clinton and Lafayette streets
upon the arrival in Ottawa of J. A.
Gray, superintendent of the auto com-
pany. To a Free Trader-Journal re-
porter this afternoon, Mr. Gray stated
that the work of building autos
would be started in two weeks. Mr.
Gent is expected to arrive in this city
tomorrow.

An engineer was engaged today and
the work of heating the factory was
begun. Owing to the fact that the
place has not been occupied no steam
has been kept in the building and it
will require some time to heat the
plant.

During an interview given a report-
er Mr. Gray stated that he was great-
ly pleased with the new factory.
"Machinery for building the bodies
has been shipped to Ottawa and the
work will be pushed. I cannot say
just how many will be given employ-
ment," said the young superintendent.

ATTORNEY GRIGGS SPEAKS BEFORE MANUFACTURERS

Attorney Clarence Griggs, one of the
best known attorneys of La Salle
county, addressed the members of the
Illinois Valley Manufacturers' Club at
their weekly luncheon held in the club
rooms yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Griggs spoke on "The Municipal
Court of Chicago," and told the story
of the great judicial system of a great
city. His was an interesting talk and
it took the audience through the differ-
ent phases of the Chicago court.

There was a large gathering of din-
ers in attendance and they enjoyed
Mr. Griggs' talk.

ALIENS WILL GATHER AT LINCOLN SCHOOL

Foreigners who are interested in
learning the English language and
wish to become citizens of the United
States will meet at Lincoln School on
Thursday evening, Miss Alice Rigden,
Miss Madeline Harden and Prof. C. I.
Byrne have volunteered their services
to instruct Ottawa aliens three nights
a week. Misses Anna Jacks, Louise
Ruff, Bertha Glover and Mae Downey
have announced that they will handle
a class jointly, each week.

No Letup.
"Your daughter has a remarkable
voice." "I'm glad you like it. What
do you think remarkable about it?"
"Its endurance."—Detroit Free Press.

EXTRA

EXPECT GREECE TO WAR
UPON ALLIES.

Paris, Jan. 17.—The dethrone-
ment of King Constantine of
Greece will be the signal for a
declaration of war against the Al-
lies, according to dispatches re-
ceived here today. It is declared
that the Greek general staff has
already moved troops into strate-
gic positions for attacking the Al-
lies although it has been reported for
several weeks that the Greek gov-
ernment was fulfilling the demand
of the Entente that all soldiers be
removed from Thessaly.

POSTPONE THE HEARING ON "LEAK"

Washington, Jan. 17.—Rep. Gar-
rett, on behalf of the Peace lea-
gue investigation committee, announ-
ced there would be no hearing to-
day. The announcement was made
after an executive session during
which it was decided to ask the
House for permission to employ
counsel to conduct the examina-
tion of witnesses. A groan went
up from the audience as Rep.
Garrett made the announcement.
Rep. Garrett requested all wit-
nesses present to remain in the
city and be ready to appear be-
fore the committee at 10:30 o'clock
tomorrow morning.

EXPLOSION WRECKS COAL COMPANY'S PLANT.

Dubuois, Pa., Jan. 17.—A terrific
explosion, followed by fire,
wrecked the power house of the
Buffalo and Susquehanna Coal Co.
today. The loss is estimated at
\$50,000. A night crew of 200 min-
ers were lifted from the mines be-
fore the hoisting machinery and
elevators were affected by the
fire.

STRIKE PREVENTION BILL IS DEAD.

Washington, Jan. 17.—President
Wilson's strike prevention propos-
al is dead. There will be no at-
tempt at resuscitation. This was
made plain today by administra-
tion leaders in Congress, follow-
ing the Senate interstate com-
merce committee's adverse vote
on the measure designed to make
strikes unlawful pending govern-
ment investigation.

The committee was practically
agreed today to adopt a bill, put
forward by the Progressive Re-
publicans, providing merely for
government investigation of labor
disputes, but carrying no prohibi-
tion against strikes or lockouts.

Figure in the News.
"My boy is fond of fairy stories, but
I don't like for him to read about
giants and pirates. I consider it harm-
ful. Don't you?" "Dunno. How are
you going to keep the baseball columns
away from him?"

OVERCOME BY AUTO FUMES; LUMBER FOREMAN NEAR DEATH

DIDN'T KNOW CAR NUMBER; ARRESTED

TWO CHICAGO YOUTHS AND DE-
PUCE COOK HELD IN COUNTY
JAIL—COULDN'T TELL LICENSE
FIGURES.

Believing that in the arrest of James
Ford, aged 23, Robert Burke, aged 24,
and Walter Seaman, DePue restaur-
ant cook, who was in the dragnet for
his connection with the Dowd-Daven-
port case last November, they have
captured two more links in Chicago's
endless chain of auto bandits, La Salle
county authorities are holding the trio
pending a further investigation into
their case, while receipt of word is
awaited from Chicago.

Seaman, caught at the time "Doc"
Ira Davenport and Walter Davenport
deserted an Abbot-Detroit 1916 road-
ster on the plank road, admitted to
the deputies that he came to Ottawa
to meet Burke and Ford to show them
the route to DePue. He made the
same kind of an excuse when Daven-
port and Dowd were captured and re-
turned to Chicago, but was released
because of the plausibility of his story.

Burke and Ford were detained late
Tuesday afternoon after they had
driven up to the court house parking
place and stepped inside the county
building to purchase a hunting li-
cense. They had a rifle and a shot-
gun with them, when Deputy Sheriff
Arthur Barrett became suspicious and
decided to interrogate them. During
the deputy's interrogations he learned
that neither Burke nor Ford—the lat-
ter no relation to Henry of tin liz
fame—knew anything about their car.
At least of all the figures in the state li-
cense it bore. When they could not
tell the license number suspicion was
decidedly strengthened and Deputy
Barrett decided to lock the pair up
until their case could be thoroughly
looked into. About this time Seaman
came upon the scene and remember-
ing his connection with the Daven-
port-Dowd affair, he was taken along
to the county jail.

Smith's Name "Petzer."

When they saw they were in a cor-
ner and likely to be caught in their
allibis, Burke and Ford stated they
had purchased the machine—a Ford
runabout—from a man named Petzer.
The license number, 49865, showed
that Frank A. Smith, 2724 Cottage
Grove avenue, Chicago, was the owner
of the car.

All three are occupying cells at the
Hotel Davis, where they will be held
pending further disposition of their
case.

Believe Seaman a Fence.

Upon the theory that Seaman is a
"fence" for the auto thieves, a rigid
investigation will be conducted into
his operations by both La Salle coun-
ty and Chicago authorities. His
double connections with cars appreh-
ended in Ottawa will cause a de-
tailed search into his past in an effort
to ascertain whether or not he has
been aiding the Chicago gangs in dis-
posing of their stolen cars.

DAVID KOHAN, PEDDLER DIES VERY SUDDENLY

David Kohan, a Jewish peddler aged
48 years, died yesterday afternoon at
Ryburn hospital following a short ill-
ness of pneumonia. At an inquest
held this morning at Gladfelter's un-
derstanding rooms his demise was attrib-
uted to that disease.

On Friday, January 12, the man was
taken ill. He was ordered to Ryburn
hospital, but remained in that insti-
tution only one day. Yesterday noon
he fell, overcome with exhaustion.
He was taken to the Burlington hotel
on West Madison street, where he
roomed and boarded, and then re-
moved to Ryburn hospital at 2 o'clock
where death occurred a half hour
later.

At the inquisition into his case this
morning at 10 o'clock it was learned
that he was engaged as a peddler and
went about the rural districts selling
his wares and buying junk. He leaves
no relatives. Funeral arrangements
have not been made.

The man dies possessed of a horse
and team which will probably be taken
in custody by the county to help de-
fray burial expenses.

PRES. WILSON NAMES CHERRY POSTMASTER

Washington, Jan. 17.—(Special.)—
John Cahill was named postmaster of
Cherry, Ill., in the appointments made
by President Wilson here today.

MRS. GEORGE SINGER FINDS HUSBAND UNCONSCIOUS IN GARAGE

DOCTOR SAVES LIFE

BRADISH YARD EMPLOYEE RE-
SUSCITATED AFTER 5 HOURS
FIGHT BY DR. W. H. JAMIESON
—VICTIM BETTER TODAY.

George S. Singer, of 830 Jefferson
street, foreman for the Bradish lum-
ber company, narrowly escaped death
from gas fumes escaping from an
automobile exhaust, last evening at 8
o'clock. His unconscious form was
found in the garage adjoining the
Singer home and for five hours he
lingered between life and death while
Dr. W. H. Jamieson worked tirelessly
to resuscitate him. His condition this
morning was not considered serious
and he will recover.

At 7 o'clock in the evening Mr.
Singer went to his garage to over-
haul his auto. He started the engine
and closed all the doors and windows
to keep out the cold. After he had
been working in the garage a short
time he left the place but came in
again. All the time the motor in the
auto was operating poisonous gases
were being expelled thru the exhaust
pipe.

About 8 o'clock Mrs. Singer became
unhappy of her husband's welfare and
went to the garage. She found him
lying over one of the fenders. His
unconscious body was removed to the
house and Dr. Jamieson was called.
The physician at once started to save
Mr. Singer from death and for nearly
five hours he showed little signs of
life. Stimulants were administered
and salutions of salt were injected in-
to the veins.

As in Mr. Singer's case, when this
gas is inhaled a chemical combination
is formed in the blood, rendering it
incapable of taking oxygen. Should
thirty per cent of the hemoglobin be
destroyed death would have occurred.

First Case in Vicinity.

Mr. Singer is the first in this vicin-
ity to be poisoned by auto exhaust
fumes. Deaths from this cause, how-
ever, have occurred in other parts of
the state.

The plight of Mr. Singer should
serve as a warning to other auto own-
ers to be careful to see that a good
supply of fresh air is circulating in
their garages while the motors of their
cars are in motion. Proprietors of
garages have issued warnings to em-
ployees to give close heed to ventila-
tion in their shops.

Attacks similar to Mr. Singer's
come very gradually and the victim
does not realize his condition until
it is too late for him to help himself.
Mr. Singer's many friends hope for his
speedy recovery.

OTTAWA YOUNG LADY WEDS U. S. WIRELESS OPERATOR

This afternoon at 3 o'clock occurred
the wedding of Miss Arnetta Calkins
and Jasper L. Ward, at the home of
the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Calkins,
628 Catherine street, South Ottawa.
Rev. Venck, pastor of the Presbyter-
ian church, officiating.

Miss Calkins has taught music in
Ottawa, Grand Ridge and Streator for
the past three years. It was in Stre-
ator that the romance, so happily cul-
minated in the wedding of today, had
its beginning, while Mr. Ward was a
resident of that city. He is now em-
ployed as a wireless operator at the
U. S. Radio station at Boston, Mass.

The bride was prettily attired in a
dress of crepe de chine and georgette
crepe trimmed with shadow lace.
The couple was attended by the
bride's sister, Mildred, Little Florence
Rogers, of Grand Ridge, and Martin
Snider, of South Ottawa.

The newlyweds will make their
home in Boston.

DR. KETMAN TO SPEAK AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

The local Baptist church is mak-
ing preparations for the coming this
Sunday of T. L. Ketman, D. D., of Chi-
cago, who will address a men's meet-
ing in the afternoon at 3 o'clock on
the subject, "God Using Man." The
Bible classes of all the churches are
cordially invited to be present at this
meeting.

Mr. Ketman will deliver his great
address, "The Other Seventy," at the
evening service. The speaker is a
big man, physically, mentally and
spiritually. It will be worth any one's
while to hear Dr. Ketman.